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15 September 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 15 September 1969

The Director was out of the city. General Cushman was in the chair.

Godfrey reported another air raid on Ras Gharib and elaborated on the puzzlement created since there is no definable military target in the area. [REDACTED]

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Abbot Smith reported that NIE 11-8 would be distributed tomorrow and briefed on a 12 September call from State registering the possibility that State might withdraw its footnote to paragraph 12. Mr. Smith added that the matter had been resolved when Mr. Denney called on 13 September relating that the footnote should stand as written.

Carver mentioned the remarkable success government forces are having in Laos, pointed to the quantity of weapons left by the enemy in caches, and noted the resulting boost to GOL morale in Vientiane. General Cushman observed that some reports attribute this GOL success to close air support.

Carver mentioned that he would be seeing Secretary Laird today.

Maury reported that we are now scheduled to brief our House Armed Services Subcommittee on the Green Beret case and that the script for the briefing will be substantially the same as that given before the CIA Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations.

*Maury noted receipt of a telephone call from [REDACTED] (General Counsel/NSA) saying that in NSA's projected testimony before Senator Symington's Foreign Relations Subcommittee they may have a requirement [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and expressed the view that he saw no reason to withhold this information, but added that he was referring this matter to Messrs. [REDACTED] and Bross. General Cushman noted that a decision on this matter would require the Director's approval.

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DDP pointed to a Saigon Station cable reporting Mr. Kleiman's (Member of the Editorial Board, New York Times) annoyance that COS Shackley had not met with him. DDP and Goodwin mentioned that no Headquarters cable had been sent requesting Shackley to meet with Kleiman as claimed by Kleiman.

L. K. White

*Extracted and sent to action officer

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